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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/752,876

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Malcolm M. Smith  
Serial No.: 09/752,876  
Filed: December 28, 2000  
Group No.: 2416  
Examiner: Clemence S. Han  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: June 5, 2009  
Confirmation No.: 9414  
Title: DISTRIBUTION OF PACKETS TO FOREIGN AGENTS USING  
MULTICAST PROTOCOLS

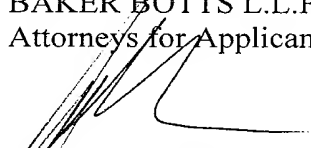
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 33-37. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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